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SENT DEPARTMENT SECTO 13, REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 628,  
BONN 272, MOSCOW 159.

RE SECTO 4. SECRETARY THIS MORNING FURTHER DISCUSSED  
WITH LLOYD AND MACMILLAN TIMETABLE AND PREPARATIONS FOR  
MEETING WITH SOVIETS ON BERLIN AND GERMANY.

RE TIMETABLE, AGREED SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH FRENCH  
AND GERMANS WESTERN FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN  
PARIS MARCH 15-19, TO BE JOINED IF APPROPRIATE BY ADENAUER,  
DEBRE AND MACMILLAN.

DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS MACMILLAN MIGHT VISIT PRESIDENT  
IN WASHINGTON AT END OF MARCH, JUST BEFORE NATO MEETING.  
BERLIN AND GERMANY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MAJOR SUBJECTS  
AT LATTER.

DATE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING WITH SOVIETS WOULD  
IN REPLIES TO SOVIET JANUARY 10 NOTE BE LEFT SUBJECT  
TO AGREEMENT OF ALL CONCERNED. WESTERN AMBASSADORS  
IN MOSCOW TO BE INSTRUCTED THAT WE WOULD SUGGEST LATE  
APRIL, WITH IDEA THAT IT COULD PREFERABLY SLIDE TO EARLY  
MAY, OBJECT BEING TO HAVE CONFERENCE STILL IN SESSION  
ON MAY 27. WE WOULD ACCEPT VIENNA OVER GENEVA. BRITISH  
RAISED POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT;  
THIS LEFT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN LIGHT OF PROSPECTS  
SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH SOVIETS; GENERALLY AGREED SUCH  
PARTICIPATION UNDESIRABLE UNLESS MEETING PROMISED ACCOMPLISH  
POSITIVE RESULT.

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ON SUBSTANCE OF POSITION: CONSENSUS THAT MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE AND FOREGOING TIMETABLE MAY NOT ALLOW TIME TO DEVELOP AND COORDINATE ANY MAJOR NEW WESTERN PROPOSALS; MOREOVER WORKING GROUP WOULD NEED GUIDANCE FROM MARCH MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO HAVE AGREED LINE EXPLAINING WHAT MAY APPEAR TO BE "DELAY" AFTER NATO MEETING IF SOVIETS SUGGEST MEETING EARLIER THAN WE ENVISAGE.

RE CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON BERLIN. MACMILLAN AND LLOYD HAD NO OBJECTION TO SECRETARY EXPOSING TO FRENCH AND GERMANS LINE OF ACTION OUTLINED PREVIOUS EVENING. ALTHOUGH GDR "SUBSTITUTION" FOR SOVIETS AGREED ISSUE ON WHICH WE WOULD DRAW LINE WITH SOVIETS, BRITISH REVERTED TO "AGENCY" THEORY, AND HINTED WILLINGNESS ACCEPT "ROUTINE TIME STAMPING" OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS. SECRETARY REITERATED UNDESIRABILITY OF ACCEPTING ANY ACTION BY GDR PERSONNEL INCLUDING STAMPING, UNLESS IT WERE CLEARLY SPECIFIED BY THE SOVIETS THAT GDR ACTING AS SOVIET AGENTS. HE EMPHASIZED WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE GDR AS SUCCESSOR TO SOVIETS. IT WAS NOT, HOWEVER, CLEAR THAT BRITISH WHOLLY ACCEPTED SECRETARY'S VIEWS AND WE MAY HEAR MORE OF THIS QUESTION.

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